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DECISION ON PETITION

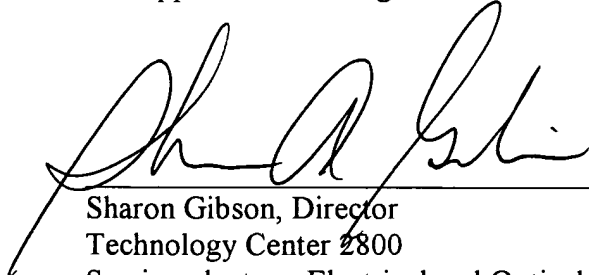
This is a decision in response to the communication filed June 2, 2003. The communication has been treated as a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, requesting reconsideration of the restriction requirement of claims 18-24 because at least claim 18 is generic to all the species identified by the examiner in the Office action mailed June 25, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED** to the extent outlined below.

Claims 18-24 and 40-46 read on the elected species of Figures 5a-5c where claim 18 is generic to all the species identified by the examiner. Hence, claims 18-24 along with claims 40-46 will be examined in the instant application.

However, claims 47-55 will continue to be withdrawn from consideration since these claims are neither generic nor read on the elected species of Figures 5a-5c.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for continued prosecution on the merits.


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